A CARILLON OF HOPE

Tunes: GOD REST YE MERRY

Traditional English Melody

amd CAROL OF THE BELLS

by MYKOLA LEONTOVYCH (1877-1921)

Arranged by

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NARRATOR: Hope was an elusive dream for Old Testament Israel. Ensnared in Egyptian slavery, there seemed little assurance that a better day could ever arrive. Yet, they clung to the promise that a Messiah would one day come and release them from their long dark night of bondage.

VOICE 1: "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (*Jer.* 29:11)

VOICE 2: Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. (*Ps. 130:7*)

(music begins)

VOICE 3: (to be read during mm. 44-46; pg. 13)

Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth—the Lord, who remains faithful forever. (Ps. 146:5-6)

COME, HOPE OF EVERY LONGING HEART

Words by

LLOYD LARSON

Incorporating

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Tunes:

WAYFARING STRANGER and HYFRYDOL

Arranged by

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^{*} Tune: WARFARING STRANGER, American Folk Melody

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NARRATOR: The most earnest of prayers are often prayers for God's abiding peace. But peace in a world of turmoil was as elusive as hope for the children of Israel. Yet, prophetic words with messages of hope and peace continued to be pronounced as they awaited the Messiah's arrival:

VOICE 1: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (*Isa.* 9:6)

VOICE 2: (music begins) He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And His people shall dwell secure, for He shall be great to the ends of the earth. And He will be their peace. (Mic. 5:4-5)

VOICE 3: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned.

VOICE 1: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." (Isa. 40:1-5)

NARRATOR: (mm. 20-21) Proclaim God's Peace.

PROCLAIM GOD'S PEACE

Words by **JOHANNES OLEARIUS** (1611-1684) *tr.* **CATHERINE WINKWORTH** (1827-1878), *alt. based on* Isaiah 40:1-5

Music by LLOYD LARSON Incorporating tune: GRANHAM



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NARRATOR: The prophetic words of a hope and peace to come sustained Israel in the long dark night of waiting and anticipation.

VOICE 3: God will keep in perfect peace all those who trust in Him; whose mind is stayed on the Lord. (*Isa. 26:3*)

VOICE 2: The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the one who seeks Him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. (*Lam. 3:25-26*)

(music begins)

PEACE WILL COME

Words by Music by LLOYD LARSON LLOYD LARSON based on Isaiah 26:3, Lamentations 3:22-26 Incorporating tune: Incorporating "O Come, Desire of Nations" VENI EMMANUEL Resolutely \bullet = ca. 80 ACCOMP. SOPRANO / ALTO to those who wait Peace will come on the Lord. Peace will come to those who wait on the Peace will come, our

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NARRATOR: The long night of waiting did ultimately end! A decree was issued by Caesar Augustus that all were to return to their hometowns to be registered. A man named Joseph returned to Bethlehem with Mary, to whom he was engaged. They had been divinely chosen to be the earthly parents of the long-awaited Messiah. Mary was great with child. (music begins) Shortly after arriving, she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger because there had been no room for them in the inn.

VOICE 1: And in that same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

VOICE 2: The angel said, "Do not be afraid for I bring you good news of great joy! For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find the Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

VOICE 3: (*mm. 14-21*) Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" (*Lk. 2:8-14*)

ANGELS ARE SINGING, **HEAVEN IS RINGING**

Words by LLOYD LARSON

Incorporating

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Tunes: IRBY a Traditional Polish Melody and GLORIA

Arranged by

LLOYD LARSON



* Tune: IRBY, Henry J. Gaunlett, 1805-1876

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^{**} Traditional Polish Melody



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* Tune: GLORIA, Traditional French Melody Words: Traditional French Carol



















NARRATION

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this wonderful thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." So, they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in the manger.

When they had seen the Child, they made known to others what had been told them regarding this miracle. All who heard it marveled at the things that the shepherds told them. (Lk. 2:15-18)

NARRATOR: They were indeed filled with joy!

(music begins)

HOW GREAT OUR JOY!



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NARRATION

VOICE 1: After the shepherds had left, Mary treasured up all these things she had heard, pondering them in her heart. (music begins) The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. (*Lk.* 2:19-20)

NARRATOR: On this night God's promises to Israel and to all the world had been fulfilled.

VOICE 2: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen. His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn. 1:14)

NARRATOR: On this night—this holy night—Emmanuel (God with us) had come to dwell among His people.

VOICE 3: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. (Jn. 3:16)

LOVE IS BORN TONIGHT

Words by LLOYD LARSON

Music by

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Incorporating tune:



moving forward

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molto rit.

holding back

^{*} Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Plainsong, 13th c.























NARRATION

NARRATOR: The anticipation of a hopeful future, the promise of God's abiding peace, and the joyous arrival of a long-awaited Messiah had finally culminated in a newborn baby: a gift of divine love innocently wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. Heavenly love had been miraculously conceived and delivered in the most unlikely of ways to a weary and waiting world.

VOICE 1: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

(Isa. 9:2)

VOICE 2: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations. (Ps. 89:1)

VOICE 3: The Lord says: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness." (Jer. 31:3)

NARRATOR: Let us celebrate the wonder of God's love!

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THE WONDER OF GOD'S LOVE

Words by
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Incorporating

"Joy to the World"

Music by
LLOYD LARSON
Incorporating tunes:
a Traditional Polish Melody



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^{*} Tune: ANTIOCH, Lowell Mason (1792-1872, based on George Frederick Handel, 1685-1759 Words: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748













